

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM ZOOK**, on March 26, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 312 - 2 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Tom Zook, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Quilici, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Steve Vick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Rep. Ernest Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Peggy Bergsagel (R)
Rep. Rosalie (Rosie) Buzzas (D)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Rep. Stan Fisher (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Rep. Royal Johnson (R)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Red Menahan (D)
Rep. Ray Peck (D)
Rep. Lila Taylor (R)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)
Rep. John Witt (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joanne Gunderson, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed. The minutes were recorded on a BI-85 recorder; references are measured in inches rather than minutes.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 406, SB 448, SB 467,
3/22/1999

HEARING ON SB 406

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Steve Doherty, SD 24, presented SB 406.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 96}

Proponents' Testimony:

Commissioner Bob Anderson, Public Service Commission ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph68a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 96 - 209}

Bill Drummond, Western Montana GMT

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 209 - 323}

Debbie Smith, Natural Defense Support Council ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph68a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 323 - 398}

Jack Haffey, Montana Power Company

~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph68a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 398 ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph68a04)}

Jeff Barber, MEIC

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 4 - 21}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 21 - Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15; Comments : Gail Kuntz referred to Exhibit 5 during the question and answer period. ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph68a05)}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15 - 88}

HEARING ON SB 467

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Sue Bartlett, SD 27, presented SB 467.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 88 - 163}

Proponents' Testimony:

Kate Cholewa, Montana Women's Lobby

~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph68a06)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 163 - 225}

Wendy Young, Coping With Block Grants Projects ~~EXHIBIT~~ (aph68a07)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 225 - 294}

Michelle Hines, WEEL

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 294 - 315}

Don Judge, AFL/CIO

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 315 - 389}

Opponents' Testimony:

Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 389 - Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 41}

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 41 - 242}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 242 - 326}

HEARING ON SB 448

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

Sen. Eve Franklin, SD 21, presented SB 448. **EXHIBIT**(aph68a08)

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 326 - 455}

Dr. Peter Blouke, Department of Commerce

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 455 - 480}

George Carlson, McLaughlin Research Institute

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 38}

Sally McGregor, President, McLaughlin Research Institute

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 38 - 58}

Gene Thayer, McLaughlin Research Institute

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 58 - **EXHIBIT**(aph68a10)}

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 91 - 371}

Closing by Sponsor:

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 371 - 380}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35 A.M.

REP. TOM ZOOK, Chairman

JOANNE GUNDERSON, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (aph68aad)